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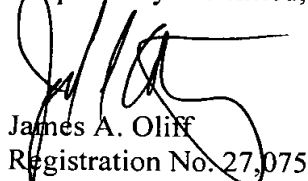
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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 14-20 and 22-32 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. Relevance of the non-English language references 12, 14-19 and 22-32 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 4. EP 0 747 772 A1 corresponds to JP A 8328261.

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